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Odd-Fellows Jubilee

WEEK OF REJOICING.
Large Meetings of the Odd Fellows
Hall Association—Six Days of
Jubilee

The Grand United Order of Odd Fellows of the District of Columbia held six days jubilee from August 30 to Friday, September 4. It was a jubilee of the Odd Fellows Hall Association, commemorative of the cancelling of the mortgage and the payment of all other indebtedness against the hall, which is the property of this great organization.

Each evening was the occasion of large crowds, presided over by different members of the Hall Association.

The officers of the association are: Thomas H. Wright, president; Lawrence Clark, vice president; Samuel W. Watson, secretary; Alexander F. Hicks, assistant secretary; Joseph Manning, treasurer.

The board of directors are: Thomas H. Wright, Isaac W. Scott, Henry P. Slaughter, Samuel W. Watson, James Langham and W. A. Davis.

Order of Exercises.

Sunday, August 30.

M. V. P. James Langhorne, master of ceremonies.

A Religious Service—Special sermon, appropriate to the occasion, by P. N. F. Rev. Edgar E. Ricks. The members of the Order will then join in thanksgiving and praise to our Heavenly Father for the blessings vouchsafed in enabling us to bring to a successful termination our great undertaking.

Monday, August 31.

P. N. F. Henry P. Slaughter, master of ceremonies.

Congratulatory address on behalf of the Patriarch, Council, and Subordinate Lodges, by M. V. P. Rev. Wm. J. Howard. Three-minute addresses by members of the Order.

Tuesday, September 1.

M. V. P. David Walker, master of ceremonies.

Statistical address by M. V. P. Samuel W. Watson, secretary of the Hall Association. Three-minute addresses by members of the Order.

Wednesday, September 2.

M. V. P. Joseph Manning, master of ceremonies.

Congratulatory address on behalf of Households of Ruth and Juvenile Societies by District Most Noble Governor Mrs. Mary Alice Parker. Three-minute addresses by members of the Order, W. Calvin Chase, M. C. Maxfield and others.

Thursday, September 3.

M. V. P. Daniel B. Webster, master of ceremonies.

Congratulatory address on behalf of the Veteran Association by P. N. F. J. B. Askins, and on behalf of the Ladies' Veteran Association by Mrs. Sarah J. Lancaster, Chief Lady Veteran. Three-minute addresses by members of the Order.

Friday, September 4.

P. N. F. W. O. Davis, master of ceremonies.

Closing Address — Review of the work of the Hall Association, by M. V. P. Thomas H. Wright, president of the Association.

Burning of mortgage by Miss Edna Brown, of the Rosebud Juvenile Society, No. 1, of Queen of Sheba Household, No. 29, that purchased the first share of stock issued by the Hall Association. After which the members of the Order and their friends will join in social intercourse and fraternal greetings.

Vocal and instrumental music each evening.

Ushers — P. N. F. Isaac W. Scott, M. V. P. Alexander Hicks, P. G. M. R. F. Williams, P. N. F. George J. Freeman

Chaplains — P. N. F. Lawrence Clark, M. V. P. Edward P. Brown.

The crowd on Friday evening, on which occasion Mr. Thomas H. Wright, president of the Hall Association, spoke, was the largest that attended any of the evenings. Each evening the work of Mr. Wright and his fidelity and honesty were applauded in the highest terms. Mr. Samuel Watson, on Wednesday, on which occasion Mr. Joseph Manning presided, delivered a fine address, as did the old veteran and race loving representative Mr. M. C. Maxfield, who

is always greeted with applause when he appears before the public. Everybody knows him to be a man who is sincerely devoted to his people and their advancement. Mr. Maxfield gave a brief history of his long connection with the Order, and how the Order struggled to obtain a hall of its own. He referred to the early struggles of the colored race, and what the present generation should do if it wanted to advance.

Mr. Manning's address was also full of good thoughts. He is an easy speaker, calm and deliberate.

The ladies who took part in the proceedings showed that they were not behind the men. If anything, they showed as much enthusiasm as the men did in the early struggle of the organization.

The ovation that was accorded Mr. Thomas H. Wright on Friday will long be remembered. It was evident that he has the confidence and respect of the organization. It was manifest that his honesty and integrity were above reproach. His work was commended by all of the speakers, and applauded to the echo.

CAPT. JAMES F. OYSTER.

The president of the Board of Education, Capt. James F. Oyster, is one of the best friends to the colored school's and teachers. No teacher suffers in anything under his jurisdiction. He knows no teacher by the color of his skin. He believes in



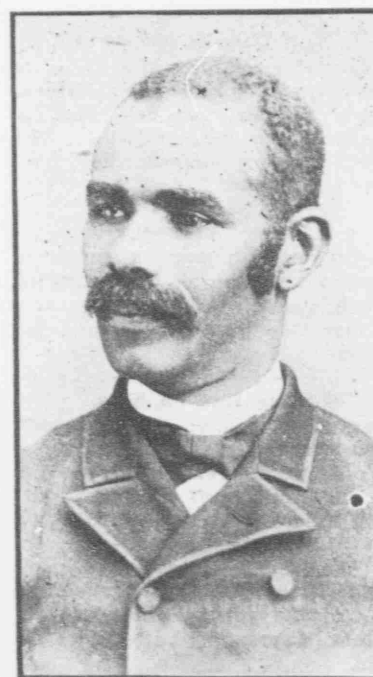
CAPT. JAMES F. OYSTER.
President of the Board of Education
and a Friend of the Colored
Schools.

fair play to all teachers, white or black. He has no favorites. What he wants is for teachers to be competent and there is no better friend in the schools to them. He has already blotted out favoritism in the schools and personally seen colored teachers given their just reward.

There are colored teachers in authority today who are more inimical to the colored schools and teachers than many members of the Board of Education. No teacher will be permitted to be imposed upon while Captain James F. Oyster is president of the Board of Education.

MR. JOSEPH MANNING.

One of the most wide-awake business men in this city and prominent Odd Fellow is Mr. Joseph Manning, who will represent Bloom of Youth



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odge, No. 1368, Grand United Order of Odd Fellows of the District of

Columbia in the B. M. C. which is to convene in Atlantic City next week. There is not a more popular man in the Order than Mr. Manning. His affable and genial manners have won for him a host of friends. He is a practical carpenter and builder, and one of the members of the executive committee of the local Negro Business League. He is treasurer of the Odd Fellows Veteran Association; president of the Union Relief Association, and treasurer of the Odd Fellows Hall Association, through whose hands thousands of dollars have passed. He is a member of the Rising Sun Lodge, No. 1365, and also a member and officer of the

DR. JAMES E. SHEPPARD.

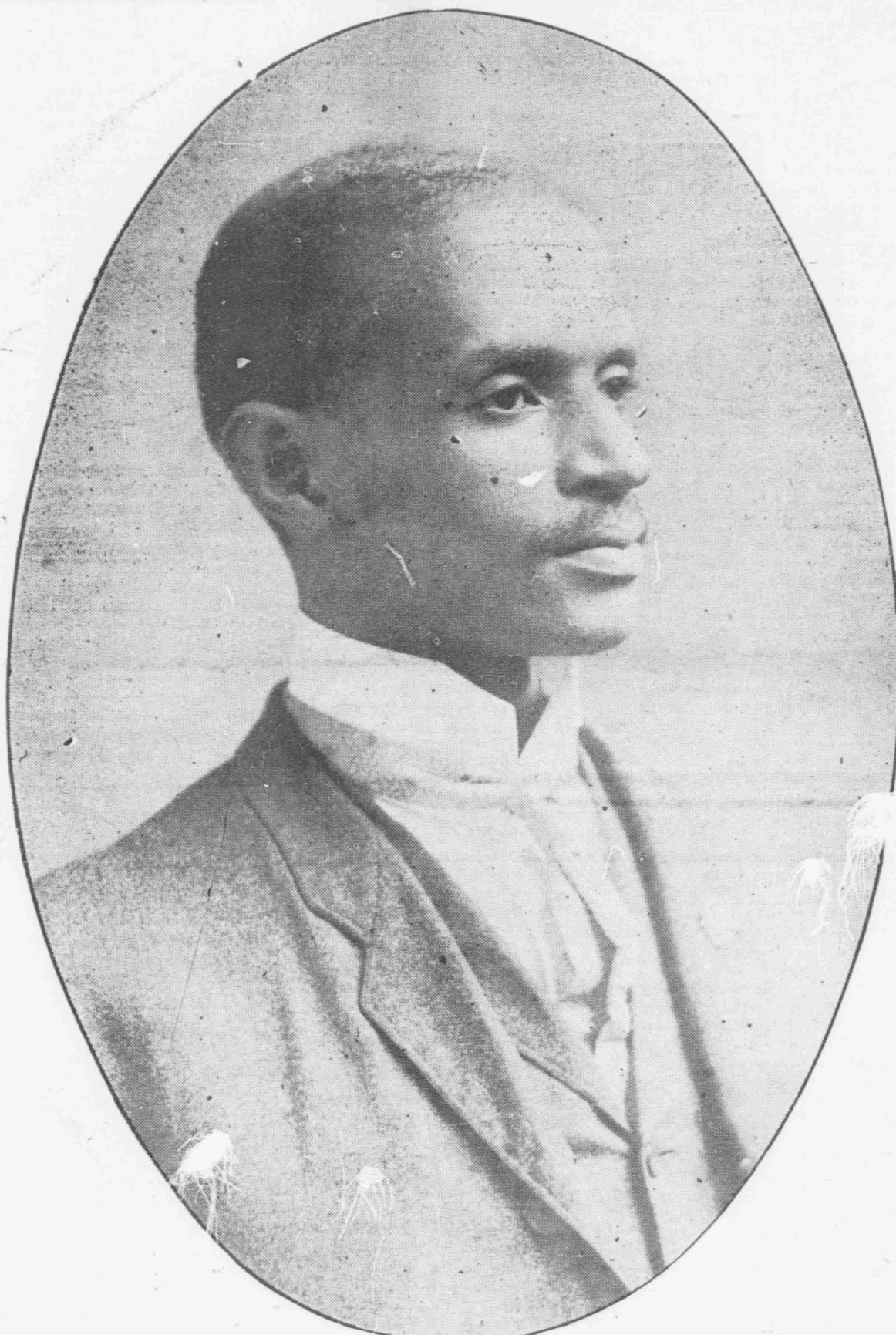
One of the coming men of the South is Dr. James T. Sheppard, of Durham, N. C. The new enterprise in which he is now engaged will be a monument to him and posterity. Dr. Sheppard is a young and progressive man and an orator of ability. Wherever he speaks he wins his hearers. Within a few months he will have erected in Durham, N. C., one of the largest institutions in the South. He has the confidence and respect of all classes of citizens, irrespective of color.

He stands today at the head of the list of young orators, and during this campaign Dr. Sheppard will no doubt

combine literary finish with historical comprehensiveness, forceful argument with graceful expression. Referring to Mr. Tyler's graphic story of Judge Taft, John Hays Hammond, the millionaire mining engineer, who draws a salary of \$500,000 per year, sends the following note of congratulation:

Dear Mr. Tyler: — I have read with pleasure your excellent article entitled "Taft and the Negro," and I beg to tender by congratulations on the very intelligent and broad view you have expressed on the subject. I hope this valuable article will find extensive circulation.

Yours very truly,
John Hays Hammond.



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ONE OF THE COMING MEN OF THE SOUTH. ORATOR AND EDUCATOR.

Zion Baptist Church. In business he is a very careful man, and in his business transactions you will find him to be one of the most honest men to deal with. As a representative to the next B. M. C. no better man could have been selected.

B. M. C. AT ATLANTIC CITY.

Grand Master Houston to Be Re-Elected—A Big Event Assured.

Grand Master W. L. Houston leaves Sunday, with his staff, for Atlantic City to preside over the sessions of the Biennial Movable Committee, which opens on the 14th. 7,000 delegates and visitors are expected at the city-by-the-sea, and Young's Pavilion will be granted for the accommodation of colored people for the first time in its history. A great street pageant will be a feature of the week, many of the Grand Lodges, Patriarchies, Households, Juveniles, etc., from all parts of the country participating. The re-election of Mr. Houston as Grand Master is assured.

COMING CHANGES.

There is some likelihood of Super-vising Principals Nolle and Baily being transferred to the graded schools.

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be heard upholding the principles of the Republican party and strongly urging his people to support and vote for Taft and Sherman. He is a man upon whom any race may rely. He gives facts and figures which cannot be contradicted. Dr. Sheppard has been an extensive traveler in the interest of his people. His new methods of teaching his people have had telling effect. He knows the colored Americans and their wants. No man has greater appreciation and respect for colored Americans, and especially those in the South, than this distinguished advocate of the rights of his people.

"TAFT AND THE NEGRO."

Millionaire John Hays Hammond and Chief of Staff Arthur I. Vorys Pronounce Auditor Tyler's Magazine Article a Fine Effort.

The Colored American Magazine for August contains an excellent study of the character of William Howard Taft from the pen of Mr. Ralph W. Tyler Auditor for the Navy Department. Mr. Tyler has had over a quarter of a century's experience as a writer, editor and literateur, and any contribution from him is sure to

Mr. Arthur I. Vorys, Judge Taft's capable chief of staff, also wrote as follows to Mr. Tyler, in the same connection:

"My Dear Sir: — I have received a copy of the Colored American Magazine containing your article, "Taft and the Negro." I have read every word of it. It is fine. Of course you never write any other way."

It goes without saying that the article reciting the true attitude of Judge Taft toward the Negro has been read by thousands of race-loving colored people all over the country. If anyone has failed to read it, he should yet take steps to procure a copy of the Colored American Magazine for August and absorb every line of Mr. Tyler's informing and enterprising production.

"Heroic size" lions are to ornament the western end of the Connecticut avenue bridge.

Saturday night he was at work, as was his custom. Suddenly a crowd surrounded his little place of business. It set fire to the building, and the man, choking in the smoke, fled to the street.

PARAGRAPHIC NEWS

Queen Margharita is said to be opposed to the marriage of Count of Abruzzi and Katherine Elkins.

A labor congress representing 1,776,000 workmen opened at Nottingham last Monday.

Isaiah Davis, colored, who was arrested in Georgetown last Sunday, and charged with selling liquor to minors, was acquitted before Judge Muldowney in the Police Court last Tuesday morning.

Four thousand officers and enlisted men left Fort Riley, Kansas, last Tuesday morning on a march to St. Joseph, Mo.

The seventh annual fashion exposition of the Dressmakers' Association of America opened last Monday in the Masonic Temple, New York city.

The Tuberculosis Congress will convene the 21st instant. President Roosevelt will be the president of the congress.

The Nashville Globe of September 4 was a special edition containing three parts, in which there were twenty-four pages.

Although one of her guides will have to lose one hand and both feet, which were frozen, Miss Annie S. Peck has succeeded in reaching the summit of Mount Huascaran, about 26,000 feet high, at Lima, Peru.

A person signing himself as "Your Unknown Friend" has written a letter to Hon. W. H. Taft, warning him of a plot which he heard among some men who intend to assassinate him the next time he goes to Chicago.

The Lott Carey convention, which was in session in this city a few days, came to a close last week.

The twenty-eighth annual session of the Grand Fountain of True Reformers convened in the True Reformers' Hall, Richmond, Va., last Tuesday morning.

Barbara Pope, colored, committed suicide last week by hanging herself to a tree in "Lovers' Lane."

It is said that orders are being prepared at the War Department for the test in skilled horsemanship to be taken by all officers between the grades of captain and brigadier general stationed in this city, except where specially excepted.

The dedication of the new No. 3 Chemical Engine house at Langdon took place September 10.

John H. Smythe, the Negro minister to Liberia, under the administration of President Cleveland, died in Richmond, Va., Sept. 5.

Mrs. Annie M. Johnson, who doubted as to whether her husband was white or colored, is reported as having been satisfied that he is white.

Prof. A. B. Alexander, chief of the Division of Fisheries, Department of Commerce and Labor, has left the city for Newfoundland, where he will advise with American fishermen regarding their rights under the modus vivendi.

Gertrude I. Sutton, colored, six years old, whose ability to play the piano in her section is "creating quite a sensation." The instrument on which she plays is the make of 1822. She has never had a lesson.

The Navy Department was obliged to decline the invitation extended by the Netherlands Government for the battleship fleet to visit the Landjong Priok, Java, on the way to Manila.

A balloon from Berlin carrying two German aeronauts descended on last Wednesday at Nezhin, Russia, after being in the air twenty-three hours.

Dr. W. C. Woodward, the health officer of the District, returned to his desk at the District Building last Wednesday.

THE NEGRO VOTE.

Two years ago the Negroes bolted the Republican State ticket in Kansas, and of their 15,000 votes they cast 10,000 for the Democratic ticket headed by an ex-Confederate general for governor.

It is not strange, therefore, that the National and Independent Democratic parties are vying with each other for the Negro vote in that particular State. Can the Republicans hold the Negro vote in line in Kansas with such recognition as is being given him by the Democrats?